36. (New) The device according to claim 35, wherein said program includes codes executable by said processor from selecting one of a plurality of words output from said database based on probability of occurrence.

37. (New) The device according to claim 36, wherein a word is chosen based on a preceding word.

38. (New) The device according to claim 31, wherein a plurality of words matching said string of digits is displayed, and one of said plurality of words is chosen by entry of one of said keys on said keyboard.

39. (New) The device according to claim 31, wherein said database stores non-English characters matched against said string of digits, said string of digits being chosen based on a phonetic representation of said non-English characters.

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, pending claims 1 - 20 have been canceled, without prejudice. New claims 21 to 39 have been added to further define the invention.

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Kindly enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application on the merits.

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